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SUBJ: BPR ELEMENTS CONTINUE PACIFIC OCCUPATION OF PANAMANIAN AND
VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1721

1. PANAMANIAN AND VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES STILL "HOSTING" CAMPESINOS
BELONGING TO BPR/FECCAS/UTC AS OF 3 PM APRIL 12. OCCUPATION, WHICH
BEGAN AT NOON APRIL 11, HAS BEEN NON-VIOLENT THROUGHOUT WITH 30
PERSONS CURRENTLY IN PANAMANIAN EMBASSY AND 23 IN VENEZUELAN. THESE
FIGURES INCLUDE WOMEN AND SOME CHILDREN. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR
AND TWO MEMBERS OF HER STAFF (ALSO WOMEN) HAVE BEEN PRESENT THROUGHOUT

OCCUPATION BUT ARE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY PLEASE. SAME IS
TRUE OF THREE VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS (AMBASSADOR OUT OF COUNTRY)
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AND TWO SECRETARIES. STATED PURPOSE OF OCCUPATION IS TO BRING
ATTENTION AND PUBLICITY TO DEMANDS OF BPR GROUPS FOR CESSATION OF
ALLEGED REPRESSION BY GOES OF CAMPESINOS IN RURAL AREAS, GUARANTEES
THAT DISPLACED CAMPESINOS CAN SAFELY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, AND
RELEASE OF PERSONS ARRESTED DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES IN SAN
PEDRO PERULAPAN/COJUTEPEQUE AREAS. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD
OCCUPIERS THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED PURPOSE OF PUBLICITY AND ASKED

WHY THEY DIDN'T LEAVE. REPLY WAS THAT THEY COULD NOT
LEAVE UNTIL THEIR LEADERS TOLD THEM TO DO SO.

2. GOES SECURITY FORCES WHICH WERE SURROUNDING BOTH EMBASSIES
HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN AND OCCUPIERS COULD LEAVE AT ANY TIME.
FOREIGN MINISTER ALVARO ERNESTO MARTINEZ STATED GOES COULD NOT TAKE
ACTION UNLESS REQUESTED BY AFFECTED EMBASSIES AND NO SUCH REQUEST
FOR ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

3. ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR CALLED MEETING EVENING OF APRIL 11
ATTENDED BY TEN AMBASSADORS AND SUBSECRETARY OF DEFENSE COL. JOSE
EDUARDO IRAHETA. MAJOR QUESTION WAS WHAT TYPE OF PROTECTION SHOULD
BE AFFORDED EMBASSIES BY GOES AGAINST THIS TYPE OF ACTION.
MEETING REPORTEDLY HELD 7:30 AM APRIL 12 WITH PRESIDENT ROMERO AND
SECURITY FORCES' LEADERSHIP TO MAKE DECISION FOR
POSSIBLE INCREASED PROTECTION OF EMBASSIES. ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR HAS
REPORTED PRESENCE OF FOUR NEW GUARDS BUT APPARENTLY NO SYSTEMATIC
PLAN FOR INCREASED PROTECTION OF EMBASSIES IN EFFECT.

4. RADIO REPORTS 4 PM APRIL 12 STATES COSTA RICAN EMBASSY
HAS NOW BEEN OCCUPIED UNDER SAME CONDITIONS AS OTHER TWO
EMBASSIES.
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